#### THE BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 1889.

The Legislature. The record of the present Democratic Legislature is unique. There never was such a Legislature before, and may we never look upon its like again." Its distinguishing marks are Bourbonism and legislative tyranny. As a destroyer of the work of the preceding Republican Legislature it has been a conspicuous success. The Commissioners of Jurors Law, the Sunset Election Law, the Newark and Jersey City Registration Laws, the High License and Local Option Laws have been repealed. But as a nulli fier of elections, by legislative decree, it is so far unexcelled. Under a law

Local Option Law) five counties had decided that no liquors should be sold within their borders for three years. This law was declared constitutional by a Supreme Court composed largely of Democratic judges. but the Democratic majority of the present Legislature has effectually reversed the decision of the Supreme Court and of the people, expressed at the ballot box, by repealing the law. These counties having voted to prohibit the sale of liquor, that method of procedure is made illegal and a new method of voting by townships substituted. Should this prove too greatly restrictive of personal liberty, perhaps a subsequent Democratic Legislature, should there ever

passed last winter (the High License

· · vote by townships. Moreover, an attempt has been made to decide elections by legislative decree. In defiance of the spirit, if not the letter of the Constitution, the Assembly districts of the State liave been re-arranged at an unusual time, so as to return a Democratic majority of Assemblymen, whatever may be the aggregate Republican

Strong Republican districts have been made stronger, while Democratic votes have been so distributed as to secure many districts by narrow majorities. By this method the Democratic politicians hope to carry thirty seven out of sixty districts under the most unfavorable circum

A similar effort has been made to capture a majority of Senatorial districts. A township has been added to Morris County to make it Demodivide Hudson and Essex Counties so as to make two sure Democratic

The abolition of the present system of electing freeholders and the substitution of a smaller board made up of one member from each Assembly district with large salaries, seems to have no better purpose than to make the Board surely Democratic. To the non partisan eye, such a scheme suggests an intense anxiety for the spoils of office, with a probability of jobs, frauds, and wasteful financial scliemes.

The new charters for Newark and Jersey City are likewise calculated to give new patronage and power to the party bosses.

It is worth while to note that these partisan schemes were passed under the crack of the party whip, without the wish or purpose to permit individual freedom in their discussion. The bosses of the party decreed that it must be done and it was done. It now remains for those who were not consulted to pronounce them all very

not Democratic, unless with a big D. and they hardly tend to increase the power or self-respect of the voter. sued-a favorite pastime when they were They suggest the existence of bosses | more plentiful at Port Royal-turning who intend to rule by legislative enactment rather than by the will of the people.

Whether these vast schemes will stand the trial of an election remains | trated London News. to be seen. "The best laid plans of mice and men aft gang aglee." The people are patient, but the present demands upon their credulity and patience are unconscionably large.

No doubt the majority of Democratic voters will swallow the dose though some will make wry faces over it. Perhaps some may think a party dominated by the liquor interests is

not quite good enough for them even though it is labelled Regular Democracy.

Time will tell whether the present Legislature has been wise in its generation of whether it has neglected a golden opportunity to gain the re spect of the people.

East Orange Township.

At the last regular meeting of the East Orange Township Committee, bids for furnishing broken stone were submitted and the contract was awarded to John O'Rourke, the lowest bibder, at \$1.60 per gross ton. The Finance Committee recommended that the salaries of all officers except the Chief of Police be for the coming year the same as for last year, and that the salary of the Chief be \$90; you have never used it and should be afwhich was adopted. The proposed con- flicted with a congh, cold or any Throat,

months past, again came up and called out the usual opposition, Col. Howard leaving the chair to Vice-Chairman Coyne, and occupying almost an hour in submitting data to show that electric light wires were dangerous to life and limb; that the danger should not be incurred except in return for substantial concessions by the company, and that the street should not be disfigured anyhow. He was followed by Mr. Vermilye, Mr. Wilson and Mr Jepson, in opposition, while Messrs, Coyne and Ryan spoke strongly in favor of grauting the petition of citizens by adopting the contract. The motion to adopt the contract was lost by a vote of 4 to 5, and a motion to revive the contract so loaded with conditions that the company

CAPTURE OF A DE'IL FISH.

The Parasites Who Travel with the Mon We are indebted to the Rev. W. C. Bourchier, R. N., chaplain to H. M. N Comus, in the West Indies, for the sketch of this incident, accompanied by the fol-"As her majesty's ship lay at anchor

in English harbor, Antigua, the little barrel like buoy that marks the place of the anchor, to which it is fastened by a four inch rope, was observed to plunge about and splash, diving under the water and disappearing. Reports of, this unveyed to the officers, who treated them with the cautious suspicion that such an unlikely story seemed to deserve. By 1 o'clock in the afternoon, when the buoy had danced for an hour and a half and seemed to require some looking after, a boat was dispatched to its assistance. The cause of the disturbance was then manifest. A huge devil fish had got foul of the buoy rope, and there he was, struggling away, about six feet below the surface of the water, with two good turns of the rope around one of his mouth fins, as may call them for want of a better name.

"He was secured with a sharp hook by a gallant midshipman and was then harpooned; the rope in which he was enbe another, will make it illegal to tangled was cut, and he was slowly owed alongside and was hoisted on

"When he was laid on the deck we had an ample opportunity of admiring his vast proportions. He was not a thing of beauty,' but an awe inspiring monster of the deep. There lay the great fish, like a giant black bat, with his huge wings extended on the deck, measuring across, from tip to tip, 16 feet 4 inches. The other dimensions were: Breadth of mouth (horizontally), 3 feet; length from head to end of tail, 12 feet 8 inches; length of tail alone, 5 feet. But it was a puzzle at first to find out where his mouth was placed.

"'I have it, sir,' cried a blue jacket in great glee; 'and, what is more, he has a fish in it-his dinner is there! As he spoke he opened a pair of great black lips, rather to one side of the fish, I thought, and below these lips was a white cavity, large enough to contain one's head. And there was a fish, sure enough, inside it, but this little fish was alive; he bounced out, a fish the size of a small herring, and skipped furiously about the deck between our feet. There were more wonders presently, when another blue jacket found another mouth, with another fish in it, alive and well, and this fish, too, came out and skipped dawned upon us that these small fishes count never have been cann by the big devil fish; and further examination showed that each of them had a flat plate on the back of its head; it looked

as if they had held on to something by this sucker, and it proved that so they do. We put them in a bucket of water, and they hung on to the sides of it with the back of their heads so vigorously that the hardest pull could not shift their position, much less dislodge them; though when the bucket was emptied, they came off its side at a touch. The small fishes had clung to the devil 899 Broad St. Newark, N. J. fish as his parasites; not feeding on him, for they left no mark behind, but using him for their traveling habitation. The cavities in which they lodged were his nostrils. Meanwhile, we discovered the real mouth of the devil fish, three feet across, lying between these cavifies. This enormous mouth is quite toothless; the devil fish sucks down his food as one would an oyster. What is his food I cannot tell, for after I had finished sketching him, and before I had well begun dissecting him, orders were given to heave

"Stories have been told of the devil fish taking a luckless swimmer between his great fins, folding him in a deadly embrace and sinking with him to the depths below; and this may be true enough, but the Manta Diabolus, or Manta Birostris, as he is scientifically called, is said to feed only on sea weed. At the same time he These methods of legislation are is troublesome and even dangerous, fond of meddling with the mooring of fishermen's boats, as he did with our moorings. and setting them adrift, and when puroon the boats, and, if not quickly dispatched, capsizing them. I have often seen these fish leap out of the water-an amazing sight-on the coast of Venezuela, where they are common and grow to the size of twenty feet broad. -Illus-

him overboard, as he was making the

deck filthy with the streams of blood that

continued to flow from his dead body.

Poor Illustrations. I don't claim for myself any ability as an artist, but I am familiar with history, and with the characters so prominent and picturesque during the chivalrous or knightly age of French and English history; and I charge it is a foul imposition on the rising generation for a school | hot on BROAD STREET, Hear Inclined Plan board to accept an edition of history or other book of instruction in which the illustrations are not as authentic and as scrupulously correct as the writings themselves. I have seen a school history with a picture representing Sir Walter Raleigh-"a paragon of proudest men"attending court attired in a costume belonging to a period 500 years before his time. I refer to this by way of illustrating my meaning; but this grotesqueness is not confined to history. It is to be found in every school book, from the primer up, and I know that the evil thus founded in beginning an education can never be obliterated by after learning.-

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